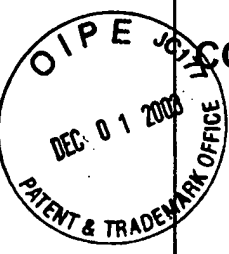


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CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	Application Number	10/049,634
	Filing Date	February 25, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Viktor MAGDOLEN
	Group Art Unit	1621
	Examiner Name	S. Kumar
	Attorney Docket Number	2923-475

This is a Conditional Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 31, 2003ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii. ☐ Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. ☒ Supplemental Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarationsiii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)*ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Other: \$180 for consideration of the IDS only if the finality of the Office Action of July 31, 2003 is removed.b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed.c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Joyce von Natzmer, Reg. No. 48,120		
SIGNATURE	<i>Joyce v. Natzmer</i>	DATE	12/01/03

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